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Julia Ann Mercer - Oswald "associates" pictures
Oswald's Literature Distribution-Tarsikes
NBC film - Civil Air Patrol (Tell)

The quotation of CD205 in "Second Seconds in Dallas" (p.218) that has the FBI showing Julia Ann Mercer "photographs of Oswald and several of his New Orleans associates" does not exist in that file, if anywhere. Today I checked CD 205 and ordered copies of everything on Julia Ann Mercer. In this three-volume file there are three reports, the first on pp. 313-4 and each of the others on a following page. The second one has this language "Julia Ann Mercer... was shown a group of photographs which included that of LEE HARVEY OSWALD which was taken at New Orleans, Louisiana, August 9, 1963, New Orleans Police Department No. 112723...did not appear that any of these persons had been the person she had seen..." Agent Wallace R. Heitman, 11/25/63. Two days later she was shown a picture of Ruby and others unidentified. She is quoted as saying the man was something like Ruby.

The Archives claims not to have any additional Tarsikes data, not what the files specify was written by the Secret Service and should be there. I will be writing further about this.

Sprague's listing of the times when Oswald's literature distribution was fed to NBC after the assassination is in error or the Library of Congress showed me the wrong film. The reel supposedly 4:45-5:15, 11/22/63, does not contain that footage. The latest on-the-scenes footage I recall is of the rifle being carried out, which dates it earlier in the day, probably, although some White House footage is of dusk. Alternative: the literature-distribution was aired later in the day, as Mrs. Tarsikes said.

My earlier memo re: Tell and the Civil Air Patrol, raised the question the cited report, CD 6; 135, might not be complete. Checked today. It is.

I am to see all the Archives film, still and movie, on the literature distribution Thursday.